

Hiram's Lighthouse

PROVIDING MASONIC LIGHT FROM TORONTO EAST DISTRICT SINCE 2003
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Freemasonry is like the Hotel California: you can check out any time you like, but you can never leave

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- Bro. Janet Wintermute

From the desk of the D.D.G.M.

Greetings Brethren of Toronto East District,

Well our little winter 'quiet period' has come to an end. February sees the return to Official Visit season, with a sprinkling of Installations to keep our interest up.

While January is a relatively quiet month in Lodge, at least that's what everyone kept telling me, we had lots of social activities in the District. Several of you celebrated the birth of our brother Robert Burns, and the District Secretary and I thank you for your kind invitations to join you. I believe you can never get enough haggis.

You have heard me mention several times already this year, that to me, Masonry is at its core, a fraternity. On Tuesday, January 28, I was privileged to enjoy and participate in a truly fraternal event. The 19 Guardians (Senior Wardens group) were invited to bring their Junior Wardens to Claremont Masonic Hall for a dinner together and to facilitate the formation of the new Wardens Group. I am happy to report that over half the lodges had representation there, with a fantastic mix of experienced and junior Masons. After a dinner of steak pie, mash potatoes and mushy peas, the two groups split and began their business meeting. As per past practice, I chaired the Junior Wardens group's meeting. The first order of business was to elect a president for the group. W. Bro. Bill Willis (Junior Warden Brougham Union) was elected president of the group. Congratulations Bill. Bill then was given the chair for him to conduct the rest of the meeting. The remaining officers of the group were elected as follows:



Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Kelly Dadzie
Chris Zmozynski
Dennis Wilson

Junior Warden @ Alpha-Tuscan Lodge
Senior Deacon @ The Beaches Lodge
Junior Warden @ West Hill Lodge



Congratulations brethren. The group also picked a name, and I'm happy to announce to Toronto East District that the new Junior Warden group is called the Chapters.

February is Heart Month. The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario joins numerous other agencies in promoting awareness of heart attack and stroke. All of you know my thoughts on this topic. Heart disease kills far too many brethren and families a year. I urge you all to take some time during this month and educate yourselves and your family on the signs and symptoms of Heart and Cardiovascular disease. Spend four hours and learn CPR. Talk to your families about it. Get a group of friends together and have a private class in your home. I do many of these a year and they are always fun, inexpensive ways to learn this life saving skill. I may even be able to help you. If you would like the one page handout I circulated earlier this year summarizing the signs and symptoms, just email me at ddgm@torontoeastdistrict.com and I would be only too happy to send it to you.

Also brethren, do not forget about the District Charity project this year, The Mikey Network. Their web site has some excellent pointers on heart disease as well as great stories of inspiration and survival. If you are going to read them, make sure you have Kleenex handy.

Speaking of The Mikey Network, thanks to your generosity so far, we have begun the initial planning to place two defibrillators in locations in Toronto East. Look for special announcements in the coming month.

Please do not forget about our event on February 15 at East Toronto Masonic Temple. Come taste some fantastic chilli, and watch Bro. Russ Richardson sacrifice his golden locks for the cause. Details and specifics can be found in all the District newsletters as well as on the web site.

There will also be other events in the coming months designed to build our bonds of friendship and brotherly love. I hope you take advantage of these opportunities.

I would like to give a special hello to W. Bro. Paul Everson who over the holiday season, had a very serious fall and ended up in ICU for a while. Paul suffered serious head injuries and will be recovering for quite a while. We are all thinking of you Paul, and we hope to see you soon.

Brethren, I look forward to seeing you all at this month's events. If the District Secretary or I can help your Lodge move toward the Lodge you want, just ask.

May the Great Architect of the Universe look over you and yours.

R.W. Bro. David J. Neave
District Deputy Grand Master
Toronto East District



EVENTS CALENDAR:

February 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					<u>1</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 2/7 see below East Toronto * Markham Union - Robbie Burns Night see below Cedarvale Golf and	<u>2</u> Groundhog Day Don't let Willy see his shadow
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> * Canada - Official Visit Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>5</u> * West Hill - Boys of Summer see below East Toronto	<u>6</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - Official Visit Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>7</u> * Birch Cliff - Regular Meeting Avoiding conflict with their normal night of Feb 14 see calendar square below	<u>8</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 3/7 see below East Toronto	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> * Universe - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>12</u> * The Imperial East Gate - Installation Banq - 6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> St. Valentine's Day That iron you got her last year didn't quite hit the mark, eh?	<u>15</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 4/7 see below East Toronto * TED - Hair for Heart see below East Toronto	<u>16</u> * Doric - Progressive Euchre Night see below Doric Pickering
<u>17</u> Family Day 1 st long weekend of the year	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> * Alpha-Tuscan - Friend to Friend Bring a friend Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 5/7 see below East Toronto	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> * Ontario- 70th Annual Hunter's Night see below Port Hope	<u>28</u>		



March 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					<u>1</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 6/7 see below East Toronto * West Hill - Oldies Dance see below St. Dunstan's	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> * West Hill - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>6</u> * The Beaches - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm York	<u>7</u> * Todmorden - Pancake Brunch and New Temple Information Session see below East Toronto	<u>8</u> * TED - Mechanics of the Work - Week 7/7 see below East Toronto * T.E.M.C. - Pancake Brunch with a Touch of New Temple see below	<u>9</u> Daylight Savings Begin Put your clock 1 hour ahead I told you summer was coming!
<u>10</u> * Scarboro - Official Visit Banq-6:30 pm ← Visitors-7:30 pm Doric Pickering	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> * Todmorden - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>14</u> * Birch Cliff - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> St. Patrick's Day * Acacia - Official Visit Visitors-7:30 pm East Toronto	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 1st Day of Spring I thought it would never come!	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> GLCPO - Charles A. Sankey 2014 Lecture 3:00 pm see below Brock University
<u>31</u> * An Evening with M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw - 30 Years a Past Grand Master see below Le Parc Banquet Hall						



AROUND AND ABOUT:

Toronto East District Charity



The District Deputy this year has chosen The Mikey Network as his Charity of choice. The Mikey Network works to promote heart healthy lifestyles. They are committed to placing “MIKEYs” (Automatic External Defibrillators) in high-risk locations to help people affected by sudden cardiac arrest. This is not your regular charity. This is a network of people who want to make a real difference in the lives of people just like us, in neighbourhoods just like yours with a life saving device, with the MIKEY unit. They receive not Government or United Way funding and must achieve their goals through support from organizations and individuals like us. So far, 16 people have been saved by a MIKEY! Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any time. This is why we need MIKEYs in Toronto East District.

Thank you.
V.W. Bro. Gerry Newall
District Chairman

There can be no friendship without confidence; and no confidence, without integrity.
- Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Remember the North East Corner

It is within your power to give. Your gift will mean ***absolutely everything to the recipients*** but it will cost you ***absolutely nothing*** -- ever. And you don't even have to give anything now or hopefully for a long, long time. You'll never even notice. Register for organ donation.

Even if you've signed a donor card, ***you still need to register your consent to donate.*** It only takes a couple of minutes. But in doing so, you could one day save eight lives and enhance 75 more. Not a bad return on investment, eh? Register now.

www.beadonor.ca



We've have Masons in the Toronto Area on the list awaiting transplant donations. We've had Masons in the Toronto Area die before a transplant donation became available. Imagine the heartbreak of dying or losing a loved one when an alternative is readily available - ***but no one got around to it.***

In Ontario, only 22% of residents are registered as donors at the end of 2012. During that year, 95 people - our family, friends and neighbours, died waiting for organs. In Durham Region the level of registration is ranked in the lower 2/3s of the communities listed at www.beadonor.ca.

As an organization that is demographically the most likely to be at both ends of this issue, both needing and providing organs for lifesaving transplant, you'd think we would get behind this issue more.

What does it take?



FYI

Winnedumah Lodge #287 of Bishop, California holds its meetings at 270 feet below sea level, the lowest lodge in North America.

- Alphonse Cerza, The Truth is Stranger than Fiction, MSA

Toronto East Masonic Centre

Allow me to introduce myself. I am W. Bro. Gerry Campbell, the new Chair of the Board of 2316543 Ontario Inc. (sometimes referred to as ProjectCo), the for-profit corporation owned 100% by the Toronto East Masonic Centre (TEMC). The Board of Directors of TEMC are fellow brethren appointed to that position by the Lodges of Toronto East District who are anticipated to be the Lodges operating out of the proposed new temple. The Directors of TEMC elected the Directors of ProjectCo.



ProjectCo has been charged by TEMC to design, build and finance a new Masonic Temple in Toronto East District. To date the following has been accomplished by the former and the current Board:

1. The purchase of land at the northeast corner of Lawrence and Birchmount Ave. after a four-year search for an appropriate location that met the correct zoning requirements, and at an appropriate price point. [This was financed by the sale of the old Scarborough Temple and a mortgage on the East Toronto Masonic Temple (Chisholm).] The property is owned by TEMC.
2. Hiring of knowledgeable professionals to assist and guide ProjectCo through the process to project completion.
3. Tendering for architectural firms to do the necessary design.
4. Hiring KirKor Architects to design a building(s) to provide a new temple with two lodge rooms and associated masonic requirements.
 - The design ideas have been circulating for about a year now. Recently, due to potential physical construction difficulties, the Masonic Temple has been moved from the top of the tower to the connecting podium between the towers.
5. Working/hiring with a number of organizations to acquire Site Plan Approval from the City of Toronto (which we hope to have by June or September).
 - Almost all the City of Toronto required planning reports/issues are completed/resolved with the exception of Soil Sampling that should be performed by the end of March.

Still outstanding is which development/investment partners we will be working with. It is our intention to start that phase shortly after soil sampling reports are submitted and evaluated.

It is our understanding that there are many rumours circulating, and questions being asked about this project and its actions. As Chair, I want you to have your questions answered. To this end, I am proposing that they be answered via our monthly project update.

To have your questions answered, we ask you to email them to projectco@outlook.com. For those who do not have access to a computer, you can submit questions through your Lodge Secretary.



Directors of ProjectCo are planning to be present at the Saturday March 8 pancake breakfast being held at the Chisholm Temple. While we shall attempt to answer all questions posed to us at the breakfast, some answers may require additional research to answer, but you will get a written answer.

- Gerry Campbell @ projectco@outlook.com or 416.606.1373

Masonic Tour of Scotland

In both 2010 and 2012, I organized Masonic trips to Scotland. Eight people attended in 2010, including Past Grand Master Allan Petrisor. Twenty-four participated in 2012, a group that included both Masons, their wives and families.

Flights were by way of Air Transat to and from Glasgow.

We rented shared accommodation in a series of two and three bedroom apartments in Edinburgh and hired a bus for eight outside of town tours. As well, we took a train ride to Glasgow.

Amongst the Lodges we either visited as a Lodge meeting or as a group were Lodge Kilwinning No. 0; Cannongate Kilwinning No. 2; Trafalgar Lodge No. 223; Lodge Anima, Glasgow, and others. As a group, we toured the Grand Lodge of Scotland.



We also toured a distillery, a brewery, Castles and other tourist attractions. Not to forget Rosslyn Chapel.

We are contemplating doing this again in September 2014 beginning late in the month and carrying over to early October.



Costs will be similar to 2012. We rented shared accommodation in a series of two and three bedroom apartments and the cost for the two-week period came in at around \$500. It could be slightly higher this time. Flights are listing at between \$850 and \$900. The cost for the eight bus trips was around \$300-\$350. Food purchases are at your own choice.

Initially I will be looking for a deposit to cover accommodation and buses. Flights would be left to book on your own directly.

I would be happy to send any interested person an application form and a report on our previous trip.

ED: Brethren, this is not an idea you can sit and ruminate on. Since I received the initial notice no more than 10 days ago, places have been filling up. The accommodations are tentatively booked. If you want to do it, make contact ASAP!

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Tough Mudder?

So! You think you're tough! Well at least middling fit. You don't puff and blow taking those three steps up to the front door. Here's an opportunity to show us your stuff.

TOUGH MUDDER Toronto 2014

The members of Caledonia lodge are putting together a team of Freemasons and their families to take part in Tough Mudder at Mount St. Louis Moonstone in Coldwater ON on Aug. 17 2014. All proceeds go towards the Wounded Warrior Foundation, which is a worldwide charity that helps the troops returning home who have been hurt in the line of duty. Tough Mudder itself is a 19.5 km obstacle course that includes mud, ice, water and electrical wires. The race is about helping each other finish not how fast you finish.



www.toughmudder.com

So if you wanna have some fun and push yourself while helping others, join the Hiram's Mudders.

Training sessions will start to be scheduled starting in March/April 2014

For more information or to register please

Contact: Michel Willett @ michaelawillett@hotmail.com or 647.999.3166

Coronati Has Multiple Celebrations

Bro. Colin Maurice has celebrated his 50 years as a Master Mason. Grand Lodge sent his pin through his Lodge Secretary and since Colin is unable to attend the lodge, on December 16 2013 the senior Past Masters, Worshipful Master and Senior Warden gave him a visit at The Village of Taunton Mills in Whitby to perform the presentation. Bro. Maurice won the William Mercer Award in 2006.



L-R front - WB Ken Black, Bro. Colin Maurice, WB Jet Rosaroso
L-R back - SW Bro. Cleo Balsomo, VW Gary Rhodes, VW Peter Nuttall, WM Ron Cada

On January 9 2014, Coronati Lodge celebrated their 100th Birthday. In a dignified ceremony, officers of Grand Lodge presented the officers of the lodge with their brand new gold trimmed aprons. On the same evening, WB Ron Makin, Master in 1964 was presented with his 50 Years a Past Master Certificate.





Officers and Members of Coronati Lodge including WB Ron Makin

I Was Wondering

What is the correct grip for the first of the Five Points of Fellowship?

Bearing in mind how this was first communicated, “Brethren, you have failed in your attempts, but there remains another method, which consists of . . . “ See Beyond the Pillars. Pg. 142 and, the Book of the Work.

Beyond The Pillars-1973, Pg. 142-*When it was discovered, the body would have been in an advanced stage of decomposition. Thus, while the ghastly marks of brutality would administer a profound emotional shock, at the same time the corruption of the body would offend the senses. . . . The one Point that is sometimes disputed is the first. In attempting to define the exact posture of the hand, we must bear in mind the part of the legend in which the Grip or Token of the Degree is introduced. The first two attempts to raise the body proved slips, no doubt because the flesh came away from the bone. But a more zealous and expert brother took a firm hold of the S. of the R.W., and with their assistance raised it on the Five Points of Fellowship.*

Book of the Work-2009 Pg. 206- . . . *there remains another method, which consists in taking a firm hold of the S. of the R.W. and Raising him on the Five Points of Fellowship, which with your assistance, I will now make trial of.*

What is the correct pronunciation of the words on the Five Points of Fellowship?

This can only be communicated in the manner in which it was received. The District Deputy can provide this for any Worshipful Master in his District, and the Worshipful Master can communicate the same to the brethren of his lodge.

Where can one find an explanation of the Master Mason’s tracing board?

Beyond the Pillars contains a good explanation on Pg. 91-92.

Beyond The Pillars-1973, Pg. 91-92- *There is as well a tracing board for the Master Mason Degree that hangs on the wall of many lodges; in fact, a form of it is still often used as a floor-cloth in part of the ceremony. There was formerly a lecture on it also, but it has fallen into disuse because it repeats so much of the material given elsewhere in the degree. Those who are curious will find the explanation of the Master Mason’s tracing board printed in the Manual for Instructors and for Masonic Students, pages 156-162.*

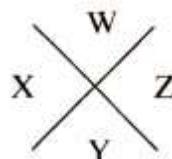
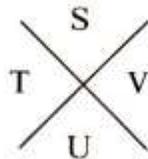
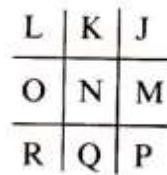
Most of the symbols on the chart will be familiar from the work: the emblems of mortality, the sprig of acacia, the mason’s square, the Working Tools of the degree, the tools with which Hiram Abiff was slain, and the entrance to the Sanctum Sanctorum



of the Temple with its veil drawn aside. The figures 5-5-5 at the East, South, and North allude to the three Fellow Craft lodges. On the nameplate just above the centre of the chart are written certain characters in an unfamiliar alphabet, often wrongly described as “Hebrew”. In reality, they belong to the so-called “Harris code”, named after the artist who is mentioned above.

It is a code or cipher that is very similar to one being used in French lodges in 1745. It represents the letters of our alphabet by various combinations of straight lines and dots that are derived from two diagrams. The first is a grid like that used in playing noughts and crosses (Ed: Xs and Os): a pair of vertical lines crossing a pair of horizontal line, forming nine spaces, boxes, or compartments. The lines that bound each compartment stand for the first nine letters of the alphabet. The same lines enclosing a dot are used for the next nine. The second diagram is formed by two intersecting diagonal lines, like a large X. These four boxes provide the shapes for the next four letters; and if they enclose a dot, for the last four.

If the writing is from right to left, as on the tracing board of the Master Mason, the letters are placed in these diagrams running from right to left and counter-clockwise respectively.



If we now return to the inscription on the nameplate, we see that it consists of a series of abbreviations. When they are properly filled out, they are said to provide answers to the following questions. Who is the chief person alluded to on the chart? What happened to him? On what occasion? (On many versions of the chart, this answer is coded incorrectly.) In what year? Originally, this abbreviation may also have included veiled references to the Pass Word and Word of a Master Mason.

In the closing in the third degree, why does the Senior Warden salute the Worshipful Master twice?

As indicated in the rubrics in the Book of the Work, the Senior Warden salutes the Worshipful Master after receiving the casual signs, tokens and words from the Junior Warden. He then addresses the Worshipful Master and salutes after having done so.

Book of the Work-2009 Pg. 27-(. . . *The Senior Warden, facing the East, salutes the Worshipful Master with the Step and Penal Sign of a Master Mason.*)

Senior Warden - Deign to receive from me those casual signs, tokens and words which we have discovered, Worshipful Sir. (Step and Penal Sign of a Master Mason.)



What is the Grand and Royal Sign, and when is it explained?

After the completion of the Master Mason degree, and before closing in that degree, the new Master Mason should be instructed and given an opportunity to perform the Grand and Royal Sign. See *The Book of the Work*, the instructions to the Worshipful Master in the *Mechanics of The Work*, Pg. 20, No. 8, and *Beyond the Pillars*, Pg. 143, and 1 Kings, 8:22. *Book of the Work-2009*, Pg. 229, *Raising-Before the lodge is closed in this degree, I must inform you of another sign called the Grand and Royal Sign that is used in the opening and closing of the Master Mason degree.*

The Grand and Royal Sign begins with the hands placed at about altar height, palms down, then raising the hands over the head thrice. The words accompanying the sign are "All glory to the Most High", and are repeated thrice. As the hands are raised, the words are spoken, so that the words Most High are uttered when the hands are at the highest point.

The sign is given after the brethren exclaim: "With gratitude to our Master we bend." (Worshipful Master exemplifies the Grand and Royal Sign, together with the new Master Mason.) Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 20, No. 8, Worshipful Master-After the completion of the Master Mason degree and before the closing of the lodge in the Master Mason degree, the candidate should be instructed and given an opportunity to perform the Grand and Royal Sign and repeat the words.

Beyond the Pillars-1973, Pg. 143, The Grand and Royal Sign used in opening and closing the lodge is not explained in the Work. (ED: Since the printing of Beyond the Pillars, the Book of the Work has been revised to contain an explanation of the sign.)

Possibly for this reason many brethren seem to confuse it with the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress. The timing and the number of movements are similar, but in the Grand and Royal Sign, the words and movement are continuous. Because it is really a Sign of Worship or Adoration, the words should probably be spoken as the Hands are raised, whereas in the Grand Hailing Sign of Distress they are spoken as the Hands are dropped. One should also note that in the Grand and Royal Sign the Hands come down only to altar height. This Sign refers to the time when the Temple was completed, and King Solomon stood before the altar in the presence of all the congregation (1 Kings 8:22).

Bible, English Standard Version, 1 Kings 8:22, 22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven,

23 And said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart;

24 You have kept with Your servant David my father what You declared to him. You spoke with Your mouth, and with Your hand have fulfilled it this day.

25 Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for Your servant David my father what You have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before Me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before Me as you have walked before me.'

26 Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to Your servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built!

28 Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that Your servant prays before You this day,



29 *That Your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which You have said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may listen to the prayer that Your servant offers toward this place.*

30 *And listen to the plea of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive."*

What is the name of the second casual sign?

It is called the sign of sympathy. See the Book of the Work.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 220, *Raising-[A]nd others viewing the ghastly wound still visible on the forehead of our Grand Master smote thus (Worshipful Master. gives the Sign of Sympathy) on their own, in sympathy with his sufferings.*

In the Master Mason degree, when are the floor lights turned on?

The Worshipful Master turns on his light for each perambulation, The Junior Warden on the first perambulation only and the Senior Warden on the second perambulation only. See the Mechanics of The Work, Pg. 19, No. 2, Pg. 20, No. 1 and Pg. 21, No. 1.

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 19, No. 2, *Worshipful Master-The Master should switch on his floor light (or pedestal) each time the candidate and the Deacons pass the East.*

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 20, No. 1, *Senior Warden-Switch on the floor light (or pedestal) as the Deacons and the candidate pass on the SECOND perambulation ONLY.*

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 21, No. 1, *Junior Warden-Switch on the floor light (or pedestal) as the Deacons and the candidate pass on the FIRST perambulation ONLY.*

When the Deacons enter the lodge in the Master Mason degree, do both give the password?

Both Deacons must give the pass grip and password to the Inner Guard before they can enter, and the Inner Guard reports to the Worshipful Master that they have given it to him. See the Book of the Work.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 177-*Inner Guard-Give me that password. (Pass grip and password. are given by both Deacons.)*

In the Master Mason degree, do both Deacons give the password to the Wardens?

Only the Senior Deacon gives the pass grip and password at the Wardens stations. See the Book of the Work.

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 180-*Senior Deacon-He has not, but we have for him. (Senior Deacon steps up and whispering in the Junior Warden's left ear, gives the Password of a Master Mason. with the Pass Grip.)*

When should the pedestal lights be extinguished and relit in the Master Mason degree?

The lights are extinguished when the Inner Guard is directed to attend to the alarm, and relighted after "the human race". See the Book of the Work and the Mechanics of The Work, Pg. 4, No. 3. Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 171-*Raising-Junior Steward-The candidate is prepared, Worshipful Sir. (Step and penal sign of a Master Mason.) (The lodge is darkened.)*

Book of the Work-2009, Pg. 208-*Raising-(The lodge to be re-lighted.)*

Mechanics of the Work-1985, Pg. 4, No. 3, *Openings and Closings-The Lesser Lights, which should be placed two on the north at each corner of the altar and one midway on the south of the*



altar, are illuminated when the lodge is at work, except for the necessary part of the Master Mason Degree between the direction to the Inner Guard to attend to the alarm and "the human race."

- Grand Lodge of Instruction - Questions and Answers-2004

Now, Here Is A Lodge In . . .



Cincinnatus, Great Barrington MA
with thanks to Lucio Bertulli - Mimosa Lodge #576

Do you have a picture of a Masonic Hall in downtown Some-Place-Else? Send it in and let others see.

*Never fail to know if you are doing all the talking, you are boring somebody.
- Helen Gurley Brown (1922-2012)*

Saturday February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 and 8 2014

Mechanics of the Work Class

These classes begin again for the spring session. Classes are open to all Masons, from the newest Entered Apprentice to the rustiest young timer. We are informal in the normal lodge meeting sense and welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills or reacquaint themselves in many aspects of our ceremonies and rituals. Attendance for the full three-hour class or at every class is not compulsory.

The work is from the **2013 black Book of the Work**.

We cover openings and closings, coming to order, the Five Points of Fellowship, the Grand Honours, entering and leaving a lodge while at work as well as when and how to address the Worshipful Master.

February 1st: - 1st Degree Deacon's day

February 8th, 15th and 22nd: - General practice and open questions.

March 1st: - 2nd and 3rd Degree Deacon's day.

March 8th:- Review and summation. 9:30 to noon.

Note, there will be a pancake brunch in the banquet room 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. See the announcement elsewhere.



Hope to see you come visit to partake in and enjoy the sessions that many others have gotten a charge out of over the many years this program has been offered. Our D.D.G.M. has promised to pop in and give us his support and input too.

Time: 8:30 pm - Coffee (*coffee!*) and stale day-old sticky buns
9:00 pm - noon - Classes
Location: East Toronto
Contact: Dennis Rankin @ kdrankin@pathcom.com or 416.691.1704

Saturday February 1 2014

Markham Union - Annual Robbie Burns Night

Thrill to the skirl of the York Region Police Pipe Band Pipes and Drums. Wonder at the grace and beauty of the dancing of the York Region Police Highland Dancers.

There will be a stirring rendition of *Immortal Memory to Robert Burns* and the *Address and Toast to the Haggis*. There will also be a Silent Auction and Spot Prizes.

The fare for the evening will include a Full Scottish Buffet of Haggis, Steak Pie and Gravy, Peas, Tatties and Neeps followed by 'Drambuie Trifle' and 'Shortbread', Tea and Coffee. Cash bar.



Time: 5:30 pm - Social
7:00 pm - Dinner
Location: Cedarbrae Golf and Country Club
55 Mac Frost Way, Scarborough ON M1X 1N6 (1st lights east of Markham Rd, south of Steeles Ave.)
Cost: \$40 ea
Contact: Jim Crawford @ jcra4d@rogers.com or 905.294.3698, or
Bruce Grimbleby @ grimblebybm@ymail.com or 905.472.8124

Sunday February 2 2014

Groundhog Day



Tradition tells us if the groundhog sees his shadow, there will be another 6 weeks of winter, a correlation to the 40-day penitence of Lent. A midwinter celebration involving an animal with predictive powers was an element of Celtic culture. The link between weather prediction and the day is said to have been inspired by an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day (February 2) is bright and clear / There'll be two winters in the year."

Wiarion Willie is the Canadian groundhog who lives in Wiarion, Ontario. On Groundhog Day, Willie takes a pivotal role in the local Wiarion Willie Festival. His role is to predict whether there will be an early spring. The guy better get it right this year or there could be a lynching!



Wednesday February 5 2014

West Hill - The Boys of Summer

Just to prove that summer is not all that far away, there will be a short meeting at West Hill Lodge and then to the banquet room for a talk on baseball lead by Jerry Howarth, member of the Blue Jays radio team. Non Masons are invited.

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple

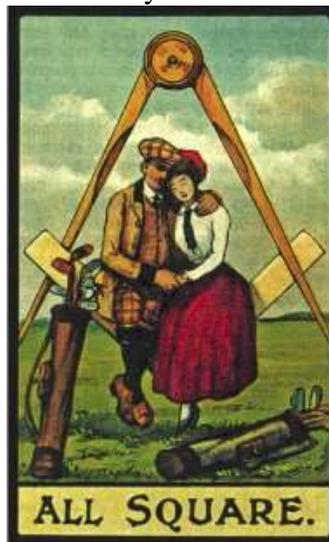
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@rogers.com or 416.412.1572

Friday February 14 2014

St. Valentine's Day

This is the traditional day to remember how happy you were when she agreed to live with you. Always remember, that situation could change, and many of us can attest that the results are less than desirable and very costly.

Get her some flowers. Maybe a small box of chocolates. Take her out for dinner at a place that does not feature hockey on 47 screens. Tell her how much you care. Get her a nice card. You'll be glad you did.



Saturday February 15 2014

TED - Hair for Heart Fundraiser



The countdown is on!

With only a month left until the Hair For Heart Fundraiser, contestants are growing their beards and preparing their favourite Chili dishes to be judged on Saturday, 15th of Feb. between 12 - 2 pm in the lower banquet hall of the Chisholm Temple.

There are still spots open for the Best Beard competition.

Beards will be judged according to:

- Best Full Beard (1st place) with a trophy as well as \$100 gift certificate for The School Fine Dining.
- Manliest Beard (2nd place)



- Best Effort(3rd place)

There are now 10 contestants in the Chili Cook Off, with only two positions left.

Ten will enter; one will win the Toronto East District Chili Cook Off Trophy (and bragging rights) as well as a \$100 gift certificate for The School Fine Dining, with second and third place prizes being awarded as well.

Judging of chilis will be selected by:

- Taste
- Smell
- Consistency / thickness
- Colour
- Aftertaste

This way each chili can be judged on its own merit, regardless of its ingredients (beef, pork, chicken, veg . . .) to make it a fair competition.

All ingredients that may be an allergy alert will be listed for the public to see.

*** Bro. Richardson is asking each contestant to contact him BEFORE the event (space is limited for Chili Cook Off)

Chili contestants will bring either a LARGE pot or crockpot of pre-prepared chili for competition. All chilis will be made from scratch, offered in samples, (with a reserve saved for the judges) and bowls may be purchased by donation.

All Proceeds raised will be forwarded to The Masonic Foundation of Ontario, then to Toronto East District Charity "The Mikey Network" for the purchase and installation of AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) in public areas in and around the GTA.

To date 18 lives have been saved by Mikeys.

At 1:30 in the afternoon, Bro. Richardson will be shedding his 5-years of locks of hair for Wigs for Kids. So far, over \$1,000 has been raised in sponsorship.

We are working on a silent auction and are in need of items to be auctioned. If anyone would like to contribute any items, please make contact

So come on out for a couple of hours and have some fun, while helping our District Charity.

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: Russ Richardson @ russ-driver@hotmail.com or 647.222.5855

Daily Survival Kit for a Freemason

Today, I will contemplate my presence here on earth and that my Creator has a purpose for my existence which may or may not always be clear to me, but will live by his Commandments in order that I might not spot or stain the character which has become me.



Today, I will strive to be a good citizen in the eyes of my neighbour, my community, the province and my country. I will revere my country's banner, honour its Constitution and laws, be grateful for the freedoms I enjoy and bear in mind that the right to those freedoms has cost in lives throughout the ages.

Today, I will remind myself that I am a Master Mason and that I have knelt at the altar and have taken an obligation upon myself and in the presence of those, my brethren, with my hands, my heart and my mind focused upon the Volume of the Sacred Law, Square and Compasses and to live and act in accordance with their moral and symbolic teachings.

Today, I will extend my hand to a worthy brother in distress, and to all persons, knowing them to be one of God's children who is in need or suffering, and will require of them only the reassurance that they would act and perform the same should they find another in like situation as they themselves are and requiring no more or less of them.

Today, I will be more tolerant and cordial of those around me, and will abstain from being judgmental of those who are less fortunate than myself, but will encourage them to stand erect, to count their blessings and to make the best of the life that God has so graciously given them.

Today, I will speak only positively about my fellow man and will cast away all criticism, animosity and jealousy that may offend, humiliate or otherwise degrade another's name, their heritage or their religion, keeping in mind that we are all made in the image of the Grand Architect of the Universe and through him we are all related.

Today, I will do whatever is required of me to perpetuate the existence of Freemasonry by being mindful of those who have not found it in themselves to seek more "light" about our gentle craft, its beginnings, its tenets, and its teachings. To offer up information to those who demonstrate a genuine interest and, who in my mind, are worthy to receive that "light."

Today, I will spend quality time with my family and provide for their happiness and welfare so that together we may support one another physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Today, I will pray to my God according to the dictates and customs of my chosen religion.

Today, I will support Freemasonry by attending a Lodge and will endeavour to be an active, enthusiastic, and supportive member of the world's largest and oldest "Brotherhood of Man."

Author: Dennis A. Coltart

Saturday February 15 2014

Doric - A Night of Progressive Euchre

A fun night of cards. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Euchre Score Prizes!
- Door Prizes!
- 50/50 draw!

Funds raised will support events for the return visit of brethren from Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town, Jamaica in 2014 and a portion will be donated to charity.



Time: 7:30 pm
Cost: \$15.00 pp
Location: Doric Pickering Masonic Hall
Contact: Bill Houston @ yukon_born@yahoo.ca or 905.426.7135

Monday February 17 2014

Family Day

This is the first long weekend of the year. Many of us remember when there was no break between New Year's and the 2-4 weekend. A long, long stretch. So we've got the day off we all were looking for. Make sure you do something useful with it. Spend the day with your family. They can sleep in their rooms and you can sleep on the couch. ☺ Sounds like something useful to me!

Thursday February 27 2014

70th Annual Shuter Haskill Hunters' Night



The Degree Team will all be comprised of hunters dressed in their camouflage, vests and boots. This event was started in the 'dirty thirties' when a group of brethren, including Shuter, were hunting to put meat on the table. One of the hunters suggested that the brethren among the hunters put on a degree - and a tradition was started. The Banquet afterwards will feature the best of whatever those old hunters

brought down, if road kill is unavailable. ☺

Location: Ontario Lodge #26, Port Hope, ON

It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment.

- Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 BC)

Saturday March 1 2014

West Hill - Oldies Dance

A traditionally great dance with good music and great food. Dance to that Good Ol' Rock 'n Roll! A late night dessert table. Cash bar.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social
7:30 pm - Dinner
Cost: \$30.00 pp
Location: St. Dunstan of Canterbury Church
56 Lawson Rd (opposite the Legion) Toronto, ON
Contact: Gerry Ouellette @ gerry.ouellette@rogers.com or 416.412.1572



Saturday March 8 2014

T.E.M.C. - Pancake Brunch with a Touch of New Temple

Calling all Brethren.

Please join us in the banquet hall of Chisholm Temple for a brunch of pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee and tea.

And while enjoying this repast with your fellow Brothers, some members of the New Temple Building Committee will also be on hand to share their progress to date with printed handouts and will endeavour to answer questions on the progress of our New Temple.



Time: 9:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Cost: all donations gratefully received
Location: East Toronto Masonic Temple
Contact: David Mason @ david.mason.toronto@gmail.com or 416.402.8657

Sunday March 30 2014

GLCPO - Charles A. Sankey Lecture

The guest lecturer will be Dr. Renée Lafferty-Salhany, Associate Professor, Department of History Brock University. The title of her presentation will be "Brothers in Arms: Freemasons and the War of 1812".

Renée Lafferty-Salhany currently teaches in the Centre for Canadian Studies as well as the History Department. Her areas of interest are modern Canadian history and culture, religion and denominationalism, and the history of voluntary organizations and public policy. Prior to joining the department at Brock, she worked as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at York University, researching an ongoing project on the history of Alcoholics Anonymous and the emergence of public health programmes in Ontario after 1935. She is also presently working on a manuscript study of children's homes and orphans' asylums in Halifax, Nova Scotia, between the late 1800s and 1960.

In lieu of charging for admission, a [tax deductible] contribution is requested to:
Masonic Foundation of Ontario,
Brock University Partnership
Project Number 2937

We would also like to remind you about the Sankey Lecture website www.sankeylectures.ca. There is information about this year's lecture, as well as the videos of the first four lectures are available for viewing.

Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Brock University
500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON
Contact: Gareth Taylor @ garethtaylor@rogers.com



Monday March 31 2014

An Evening with M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw

30 Year Past Grand Master. Ladies and Non Masons guests are very welcome.

Time: 6:00 pm - Social

7:30 pm - Dinner

Cost: \$65.00 pp

Location: Le Parc Banquet Hall

8432 Leslie St., Thornhill (Sw corner of Leslie and Hwy 7)

Contact: Richard Lundy @ richard.lundy@sympatico.ca or 416.266.8107



... by the Lighthouse Beam

Freemasonry as a Political Act

When Ole O. Moen retired from his position as Professor of North American Studies at the University of Oslo this year (2010), after teaching Norwegian students about the United States for 32 years, he was asked what he thought of current trends in America in general. His answer was simply that “for the first time in history, [we have] a generation of Americans [that] are dumber than their parents.”

Moen is hardly the first person to hold that opinion. In his 1985 book “Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business”, Neil Postman discusses the fact that Americans who were around during the Lincoln-Douglas debates were fairly sophisticated in terms of their ability to understand subtle nuances of argument. Postman points out that the two “consistently drew upon more complex rhetorical resources - sarcasm, irony, paradox, elaborated metaphors, fine distinctions and the exposure of contradiction.”

Neil Postman spends most of his book discussing how we have become lulled into a state of apathy by the televised news media, that our future is Huxleyan rather than Orwellian because, with a placated populace, there is no need for a Big Brother Government. In later interviews, Postman spoke of an endless sea of information where individuals become “preoccupied with some equivalent of the feelies, the orgy-porgy, and the centrifugal bumblepuppy.” Postman was worried that television brought with it “misleading information - misplaced, irrelevant, fragmented or superficial information - information that creates the illusion of knowing something, but which in fact leads one away from knowing.”

As Freemasons, we have a continuous duty to educate ourselves. That duty is emphasized, in particular, during the second degree. Yet education is not simply knowledge; it also includes knowing how to evaluate the credibility of various positions and the soundness of the arguments made. Some have argued that Thomas Young (1773-1829) was the last man to know everything. When invited to contribute to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Young offered to assist with the following subjects: “Alphabet, Annuities, Attraction, Capillary Action, Cohesion, Color, Dew, Egypt, Eye, Focus, Friction, Halo, Hieroglyphic, Hydraulics, Motion, Resistance, Ship, Sound, Strength, Tides, Waves, and anything of a medical nature.” In terms of our duty to educate ourselves, Young is an example of what we as Masons should aspire to.

The growth of the internet in the years since Postman’s death in 2003 has brought with it yet another layer of complexity; the idea that every argument, no matter how illogical, untested or contradictory, somehow has merit. The problem is that not every argument has merit. During the middle chamber lecture, Fellowcrafts are informed that “[l]ogic teaches us to guide our reason discretionally in the general knowledge of things . . . and in it are employed the faculties of conceiving, judging, reasoning, and disposing [until] the point in question is finally determined.” If there is one thing that the internet is particularly good at, it is continuing and evolving arguments that have no merit yet persistently refuse to die: zombie arguments.



In a recent issue of the NY Times Sunday Magazine, Stephen Marche reviewed the film “Anonymous” - a movie that argues, in true Da Vinci Code fashion, that Shakespeare did not write Shakespeare. Marche observes that “[t]he Shakespeare controversy” is “one of the origins of the wilful ignorance and insidious false balance that is now rotting away our capacity to have meaningful discussions. The wider public . . . assumes that if there are arguments, there must be reasons for those arguments. Along with a right-wing anti-elitism, an unthinking left-wing open-mindedness and relativism have also given lunatic ideas soil to grow in. Our politeness has actually led us to believe that everybody deserves a say.”

Our duty to educate ourselves is broad, and clearly extends to the political sphere. Politics with a small “p” has no place in a Masonic Lodge - and rightfully so, but the act of being a Freemason is itself a Political Act. We rarely reflect on this because we live in a society where Government does not overtly oppress us, but we do not need to look that far out across our borders or into the history books to find those who believe that the Masons pose a significant threat. Candidates for Freemasonry, in our own State, used to be asked whether they espoused Communist leanings as part of the interview process.

Tolerance, truth, justice and equality are terms frequently used during our degree work, but how many of us stop to reflect on whether our own political views actually embody those tenets? How many of us reiterate arguments we have heard on television without knowing whether there are facts to back those arguments up? The current economic downturn has ushered in a sense of powerlessness that Americans have not felt for a long time and there is enough blame to go around. People on the right blame politicians, people on the left blame corporations, each only focused on half of the problem. I am surprised that Freemasons have not been blamed yet.

In the interview with the Norwegian newspaper Finansavisen, that the above quote is taken from, Ole O. Moen discusses the fact that today’s students do not bother to memorize anything since it is easy to look up the answer to just about any question online: “[a]ctual knowledge has become a hurdle to novel thinking. Instead everyone wants to reinvent the wheel.” Novel thinking, in Moen’s view, requires knowing what others have done beforehand.

To navigate the sea of information Postman warned us about requires education and intellectual sophistication. In the end, it does not matter if you lean to the left or right politically. What does matter is that the same healthy anti-authoritarian distrust displayed in the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry also is applied to politics in general - that we as Masons question those who deal in absolutes the same way we question authority in general. Sometimes authority comes in the form of a leader who “flings his corsair into the scales” to quote from the ninth degree, other times it comes in the form of oceans of disinformation intended to pacify and placate. Regardless of how authority manifests itself, our duty to educate ourselves about it endures: a Political Act.

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